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W QUESTION FOR EXPERTS ONLY. The Committee on Electricity meets

to-night to consider the engineer's report upon the sole bid for electrical termine what recommendation, if any, it will make to the Council. Is the committee in position to make any intelligent recommendation on this subject at all? The nature of the specibeen seriously called in question. Is the committee sufficiently versed in electrical matters to say how much or how little justice there is in these

"Discriminatory" is a large word and need carry no reproach. Every of specifications is discriminatory in that it aims to exclude what is unsuitable, inferior or ill-adapted to the special case under consideration. It is possible that Richmond's needs in the usual and particular that a very high degree of exactness-call it "discrimiif you will-was desirable in these specifications. It is possible that Richmond needs apparatus of such an individual type that only one company manufactures it. He would be a bold critic who, without technical knowledge, denied that this was the case But would the Council committee be in declaring, without technical knowledge, that it is the case?

The four withdrawn bidders assert effect, that the specifications are bitrarily and unnecessarily discriminatory, and that they have been so o exact and peculiar, but simply in order to exclude them from the con-A flat issue thus seems to be aised between them and the engineer. ford to ignore the rather serious charges of the four companies? Its plain duty is, manifestly, to find and ommend the best equipment for the

virtually fighting the prohibition question all over again. The dry law prohibits only the sale of "intoxicating liquors," and the courts have ruled that this means liquor with more than 4 per cent. of alcohol. Now a great fight is on over Representative Hooper Alexander's bill making it illegal to buy, sell or possess any beverage containing any trace of alcohol whatever. This is prohibition with a paddese it kneck out all those imitation and "almost" compounds with which dry communities have been wont to lave their parched throats, but it makes a grim offort to lay hold of "the one responsible man." Other laws are content to punish him who sells the forbidden liquids.

getting it under the present law may bitionists, their request for such a promise clearly meant that they were satisfied with the status quo, and they should not now ask the Governor to break his contract with the electorate simply because they see a chance to do a little better than they had expected.

ON DELICACY IN NAMING INSTITU-TIONS, A San Francisco gentleman, inter-

viewed by a Washington hotel reporter, points out "that the name almshouse, with its stigma of mendicancy, is a thing of the past in San Francisco." With the name has passed the old-style institution itself. The ramshackle "almshouses" of an earlier day have been replaced by clean, comfortable, well-built "Relief Homes for the Aged and Infirm." The word home says he, is correctly used, for the new buildings are really homes in every ense of the word.

Here in Richmond the same senti-

ment has made itself felt, and we have equipment now before it, and to de- the City Home, where we once had the Almshouse. We trust the day will come when the authorities of the pres ent "Home for Incurables" will make a similar concession to this growing feeling for delicacy and consideration fications upon which one company bid in the naming of charitable instituand four companies declined to bid tions. There is something barbarous about this particular name. "Incurable" is one of the grimmest and most ing home a death-sentence from which there is neither appeal nor reprieve. There is no more propriety in stamp ing this name upon a lot of unfor tunate persons under public care than there would be in requiring consumptives, for instance, to declare them selves by wearing large placards upon their backs. If people are suffering from incurable diseases, we do not in, ist upon that fact in conversation with them, and there is no reason in he world why we should do so through the names of our institutions. The great usefulness of this particular in-stitution would be no whit interfered with if it ceased to advertise the hope-lessness of its inmates' troubles in such a peculiarly blunt and unsymway.

THE CONQUEST OF THE CHANNEL No admiration for the daring of M. Bleriot will blind the people of England to the stark fact that the chan nel has, at last, been conquered. One hundred and forty-five ships were

him from his destiny was an admis-

the overstrained lady in Newport have voted for him on the strength of News used a 22-calibre pistol in the that very promise. They wanted well morning, but a 32-calibre in the after-

Thanks are due to M. Bieriot for showing the world how to cross the Channel without getting seasick.

Galveston is all right until some Remus of a tidal wave decides to come along and hop over.

Colonel Roosevelt denies that he is seeking the New York mayoralty, And, we take it, vice versa.

Ambassador Reid is entertaining the King at his country place, which clearly proves his exceptional abilities as an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary. "Conferees clash" is a heading com

bination that newspapers can afford to keep ready set for a while yet.

Still it must not be supposed that Abdul Hamid, in retirement, is bored with too much peace and quiet. Al-ways bear in mind that he took eleven without along

He is back in reach of the Mombasa elegraph office, and our summer vacaion is over.

According to the Washington Herald According to the Washington Herniu, a Colorado man has delicately stated that "only ugly women vote." This remark was doubtless intended to have a deterrent and discouraging effect, but deterrent and discouraging effect, but "Judge."

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James J. Jeffries seems to be putting forward some ideas about a new re-ligion, also,

If hides finally go upon the free list, who can say that the harried con-sumer will not yet learn to eat them?

We wonder if M. Bleriot, perchance, ever saw a house-fly over the channel,

If we should wipe the statute of limitations off the books, we should make it easier for our corporations to have a contempt for all law.

Mr. Bryan is described as having read the Charleston News and Courier out of the Democratic party. We shall reserve comment on the incident until we know which Democratic party is referred to.

THE LEE STATUE.

The Willingness to Accept It a Sign o

show the people that England still ruled the channel at the very moment when the cool Frenchman made it plain that there was a brand-new route to England.

The aeroplane has not yet been so perfected that it can be successfully used in war; but in view of the achievements of the last few months its future is sure. If it should become a tractable engine of war, England's apprehensions will be well-founded and her problem of defense will be wholy and violently transformed.

The Willingness to Accept It a Sign of the Times.

It is a significant sign of the times when the Boston Transcript, one of the foremest exponents of public opinion in New England, declares that "Massachusetts people, as a rule, believe that the statue of Lee should be courteously and is upon its way to Washington, where it is proposed to place it in Statuary Hall as the gift of the State of Virginia. There is no doubt that in making this selection of a companion statue for George Washington, Virginia of George Washington, Virginia of George Washington, Virginia that is highest, no-less that "Massachusetts people, as a rule, believe that the statue of Lee should be courteously as the statue of Lee should be courteously and is upon its way to Washington, where it is proposed to place it in Stutury Hall as the gift of the State of Virginia. There is no doubt that in making this selection of a companion statue for George Washington, Virginia of George Washington, Virginia the well-founded and her problem of defense will be wholly and violently transformed.

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Borrowed Jingles.

TO A LAWN HOSE,
Insensate thing, thou stretchest out thy
length
As treacherous as Laccoon of old,
And we, suspecting not thy trait/rous
strength,
Approach thee smilingly while thou'rt outrolled.

Approach thee smilingly while thou'rt outrolled.

Betimes thou'rt gentle as the skipful lamb,
And do one bidding with a silent charm,
Again thou'rt fercer than the risky ram
And fill our souls with terror and alarm.
When in our Sunday best we near thy nozzle,
Thou whirlest to our breast and wildly
sozzle!

Hadst thou a face, 'twould smile in mildes

peaper

peaper

Like to a wildcat purring in its den,
Thou'dst wait the fateful moment for release

And then make us as mad as a wet hen.

Aye, after thou hast squirted all our garb

Thou liest in the grass where thou art

fung
And like a searing, scorching, potsoned barb

Are squigling chuckles which thou givest Orville Wright, the sky pilot, ought to have been a Republican Senator. His expert knowledge of methods of ascent would have been of inestimable value to Mr. Aldrich.

Are gurgling chuckies which thou givest congue! Compound of kindness and of wrath abhorment, E'on then thou sputter us a farewell torment would have been of inestimable value to Mr. Aldrich.

Method Generally Adopted,
Rivers (dipping his pen in the ink): "Tell
me a diplomatic way to call a man a llar."
Brooks: "Always select a smaller man
than you are."—Chicago Tribune.

Willing to Take a Chance. Mother: "And when he proposed, did you tell him to see me?"
Daughter: "Yes, mamma, and he said he'd seen you several times, but he wanted to marry me Just the same."—The Sphinx.

Heard on the Wings.

The Lady: "But why have you left your other positions so often?"
The Would-be Cook: "Please, ma'am. because I've got nine brothers, four of empolicemen, and none of my misresses!! believe that they are my brothers!"-Red Hen.

Tommy: "Pop, what do men mean by circumstances over which they have no control?" Tommy's Pop: "Wives, my son,"-Phila-delphia Record,

Shoe Dealer: "Here are a pair of boots that will suit you exactly in your next dash for the pole. How did you like the last pair I sold you?"

Arctic Explorer (rominiscently): "The best I ever tasted."—Weekly Telegraph,

WISDOM IN SMALL DOSES,

T HERE'S as much talk between the South American republics before they go to battle as though they were prize manters.—Chicago Tribune.

Uncle Joe's tip that Congress will not adjourn before August 15 shows that there are a few more fireworks left in the old bill,—Washington Post.

A Massachusetts landlady is under arrest charged with the murder of one of her ocarders, Lemon pie or doughballs?—Balti-more News.

A Ludlow Street woman who gave a man \$700 to get her a husband has had him arrested for failing to produce the husband. Suppose It's a case or sympathy, but suspect she's better off minus \$700 and single than with a husband bought at that price.—New York Herald.

The Houston Post is in fayor of revising the Republican party "outward." And the Democratic party pleward, naturally,—Washington Herald.

But how is an ambitious young man go-

But how is an ambitious young man go-ing to find room for a five-foot shelf in the common or side-street variety of hall bed-room?-Indianapolis News.

COMMERCE IN BUGS.

comment for the least money which the competitive market offers. With its present knowledge, and with the position of its expert adviser directly challenged by expected competitors, how can the committee assure the tax-payers that the one bid before it does offer such an equipment?

It might be as unwise and unjust to reject this bid as to accept it. We do not know. Nor can anybody else know who lacks special training in electrical engineering. The issue is one for experts only. It is a case for a referee, if there ever was such a case, and amateur efforts to adjudicate, it are foredopmed to failure.

Another Pight In (E.)

Another Pig

works.

Upon this principle that "little fleas have other fleas to bite 'em' is being developed a score of activities. The San Jose scale, which is merely an accumulation of small insects, attacked the orange trees of California some years ago, but a Chinese lady bug was discovered that regarded the scale as the staff of life, and this creature has since gone broadcast all over the world, saving the orange crop in many climes for that public which unknowingly gave it no thanks.

In Africa the gadity lays an egg in the heel of the gadity lays an egg in the heel of the gadity lays an egg in the heel of the gadity lays an egg in the heel of the gadity lays an egg in the heel of the gadity lays an egg in the heel of the gadity lays an egg in the legality. Presto, it is sent to Africa. Ticks occasion disease in domestic animals. There is a tick in this country that is suffering from a parasite that is killing all its kind in a limited area. This diseased tick is being scattered all over the world, that it may carry infection to its fellows. Bumblebees are necessary to the fertilization of clover by carrying the pollen from one flower to another, and where there is no bumblebee the seed of the clover refuses to grow. It would not grow in Australia when the English first went there, and it refused to perpetuate itself in the Philippine Islands when this country first became philanthropic in the Far East. So the bumblebees were put on ice and detected into the beller that it was winter and that they were inbernating while they were transported halfway round the globe. Now Philippine clover seed is fertile.—Washington Post.

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sells the forbidden liquid; the Alexander Bill aims to punish also him who
buys or has tt on hand—in short, to
punish drinking. It would knock the
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But even if the bill is passed the
drys themselves admit a doubt as to
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By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

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Emperor Nicholas has just been celebrating the bi-centennial anniversary of the foundation of Peterhof, his favorite home on the shores of the Gulf of Finland, and which has often been described as the Russian Versailles. Its situation, however, is much more picturesque than the famous paiace of Louis XIV. of France. For it stands upon an eminence, commanding a superb view of the Finnish coast. It was Peter the Great who first established his summer residence there, directing his Italian architect, Count Charles Restrelli, to follow as far as possible in everything the lines of Versailles. But every succeeding Czurand Czarina has made additions and improvements, until the tout ensemble surpasses in beauty well night every other imperial abode in Europe. The main building, which is three stories in height, is constructed of marble and grante, the latter being red, which contrasts with the whiteness of the former; while the roof and innumerable domes are of Iron, richly gilded. A 'host of minor palaces, chapels and villas surround it, and serve to adoor the gardens, which are the great feature of the place.

To Americans, the most interesting rea the great feature of the place.

To Americans, the most interesting reaure of the grounds at Peterhof is the enormous oak tree on the secaled Empress Island, which overshadows the tomb of George Washington at Mount Vernon. A brass plate on the tree recalls the fact that the acorn was presented to Emperor Nicholas I. in 1838 by Charles Summer's brother, George, on the occasion of his visit to St. Petersburg. The

tre of one of the artificial lakes of the park.

The latter is beautified by many terraces, sloping down to the sea, and every turn reveals some lovely, bit of scenery; perhaps the sea, perhaps the glimpse of a placid lake, then what may seem a nook of some medie-val forest, and fust beyond a succession of rushing, roaring cataracts, foaming and failing over rocks that have apparently been in their present condition as long as the world has been in existence.

Finer even than the gardens are the water works and fountain, consisting of a colossal bronze figure of Samson tearing open the laws of a monster lion, from which rushes a lugge jet of water, over 100 feet high. Innumerable Tritons, wild beasts and vases surround the central rigure, each spurting forth water, either horizontailly or vertically; while the entire volume flows down a succession of marble slabs, constructed staircase fashion, to the sea nearly half a mile distant. Scarcely less remarkable is the Golden Cascade, so called from the fact that the immense flight of steps down which the water flows to the sea is richly gilded. When all the fountains, cascades and waterfalis are illuminated at night by electricity, as they are during the sojourn of the Emperor and Empress at Peterhof, the entire scene can only be compared to fairyland. The latter, too, is suggested by the basement of the main palace, which was arranged by Empross Elizabeth as a species of grotto of exquisitely thinds shells.

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The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

Grandson of Senator Sfidell Writes an Opera.

ARON EREDERICK DURINANGER

Jewels; the candlesticks, the communion plate and the icons are all of solid gold, encrusted with diamonds, rubles and energids, while the christening font, which has been used for the Daptism of most of the obliden of the Czar, is a huge affair, out from a large block of mainchite.

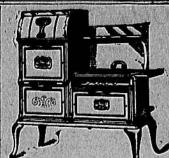
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Mr. Ellyson, chairman of the Democration of Frantic Committee, has called upon the candidates for an extra 29 per cent. of assessment and this means that an aspirant for the privilege of running in the direction for the privilege of running in the direction of the State While House.

If the primary pian is perfect in its every asked and all the state while House, asked of the state while the state of the house of the house of the honest and capable Democrate at the State, and condines the choice to a title of the honest and capable Democrate of the State, and condines the choice to a title of the state, and condines the choice to a title of the state, and condines the choice of the state, and the state of the control of the state, and the state of the control o

nation of that sort would make the matter decidedly serious and would greatly extend the war. While land operations would in all probability centre around the Bolivian frontier. maritime warfare would be waged between Argentina and Brazil. Both countries have fleets, although at the present moment that of Argentina is vastly superior to that of Brazil, as some time must yet elapse before the three big battleships now building in England for the latter country can be delivered.—New Orleans Picayune.

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Day" shall be a matter of special contract or agreement and no interest or rental shall accrue. In fact, it is to be regarded merely as a part of December 28, thus giving us two Saturdays that week.

To make a place for the additional day brought about by leap year, there is to be a "Midanno Day," between Saturday, Vincent 14, and Sunday, Vincent 15, which is to be regarded in the same way as "Anno Day," is at the end of the year. Under this scheme the wteck days of each month will be of the same numerical date as the week days of every other month. Thus all Sundays will be the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22d; all Mondays the 2d, 9th, 16th and 23d, etc.

There is no doubt that this arrangement would simplify a good many linings, and as it inserts an additional month in the calendar, it will probably be favored strongly by those who get gain to the same numerical according to yellow the month; but as to getting it generally and officially adopted by January 1, 1911, as it is noped to do, that is another thing. That it is pretty hard to make a change in anything by which everybody is affected has been made pretty clear by the failure of the attempt to simplify our system of measures by the "adoption of the metric system.—Indianapolis News.

AIRSHIP DANGERS.

decided, although the whiskey attorneys have filed their final briefs. Meantime the President finds himself in a very peculiar position, and we do not know how he is going to get out of it without trouble. It seems that the women, and we do not see just how the women know anything about it, have taken a hand in the matter. Circular letters have been sent to every woman's club in America to ask that the individual members of the various clubs write to the President requesting that he decide that no whiskey is real whiskey unless it is actually distilled from the grain, and that he require all blends to be marked as adulterated goods.

delivered.—New Orieane Picayune.

A TWO-HEADED SNAKE.

Reported Batelourt Repille a Creature of the control of